

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE MARYLAND ACCESS TO JUSTICE  
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals established the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, charging it with the responsibility of addressing existing barriers to access to the courts and legal services in Maryland, and with expanding opportunities for citizens to benefit from the protections, rights and resources that the law provides; and

WHEREAS, By Administrative Order, dated March 18, 2010, the Commission's existence, composition and functions were memorialized and a term established; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has demonstrated significant progress toward the goals of increasing funding for access to justice, improved planning and coordination in legal service delivery, and reducing the barriers to access to justice, its work on behalf of the Judiciary should continue; and

WHEREAS, The Chair of the Standing Committee of the Court of Appeals on Pro Bono Legal Service should become a member of the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do hereby order this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013, that the Administrative Order, dated March 18, 2010, be amended as follows:

1. Section 1 of the Order shall read as follows:

1. Commission.

a. Composition. The Commission shall consist of 46 members appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

b. Chair and Vice Chair. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall designate the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission.

c. Membership. The membership of the Commission, which is subject to modification by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, shall include the following:

Judiciary Participants

(i) The Court of Appeals Judge serving as Chair of the Judicial Institute; Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals; Chair of the Conference of Circuit Judges; Chief Judge of the District Court; Chair of the Legislative Committee; Chair of the Family Law Committee; additional Circuit Court and District Court Judges, as appropriate;

(ii) The State Court Administrator; Chair of the Conference of Court Administrators;

(iii) The Chair of the Conference of Circuit Court Clerks; Chief Clerk of the District Court; Coordinator of Commissioner Activities;

(iv) The Chair of the Standing Committee of the Court of Appeals on Pro Bono Legal Service;

(v) The Family Division Director of a large jurisdiction;

(vi) The Executive Director, Judicial Information Systems, AOC; Executive Director, Family Administration, AOC; Executive Director, MACRO; Executive Director, Problem Solving Courts, AOC; Executive Director, ADR, District Court;

- (vii) The Court Information Officer, Office of Communications and Public Affairs;
- (viii) The Maryland State Law Librarian; Chair of the Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors.

Non-Judiciary Participants

- (i) A United States Senator or Congressional Representative or a designee;
- (ii) The Governor of Maryland; President of the Maryland Senate; Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, as *ex officio* members;
- (iii) The Maryland Attorney General or a designee;
- (iv) The Public Defender;
- (v) A State's Attorney;
- (vi) The President of the Maryland State Bar Association;
- (vii) The Dean of the University of Maryland School of Law or a designee;
- (viii) The Dean of the University of Baltimore School of Law or a designee;
- (ix) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office on Crime Control & Prevention;
- (x) The Executive Director, Legal Aid Bureau of Maryland; Executive Director, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service; Executive Director, Maryland Legal Services Corporation; Executive Director, *Pro Bono* Resource Center of Maryland; Executive Director, Women's Law Center of Maryland; Executive Director, Public Justice Center; Executive Director, Alternative Directions; Executive Director, Interfaith Works;
- (xi) The President of the League of Women Voters of Maryland;
- (xii) A representative from the Maryland Department of Budget and Management;
- (xiii) A representative from the Maryland Association of Public Law Librarians;

(xiv) Two (2) practicing attorneys with a demonstrated commitment to access to justice issues.

d. Term. The Commission will continue for so long as the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is satisfied that it continues to demonstrate significant progress toward the goals of a significant increase in funding for access to justice, improved planning and coordination in legal service delivery, and reduction in the barriers to access to justice.

e. Compensation. The members and advisors are not entitled to compensation, but to the extent provided in the Judiciary's budget, may be reimbursed for expenses in connection with travel related to the work of the Commission.

f. Officers. The Chair may designate additional officers and committee chairs as appropriate.

g. Staff. There shall be an Executive Director of the Commission, who shall serve as staff.

/s/ Robert M. Bell  
Robert M. Bell  
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

Filed: April 18, 2013

/s/ Bessie M. Decker  
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Clerk  
Court of Appeals of Maryland